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28. Bernard Street.

Leith 14th January 1901.

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A. G. Dryhurst Esq.

Secretary - Lloyds Register of Shipping

London.

Dear Sir,

Messrs Ramage & Ferguson Lt^s have just handed us the certificate of classification of our s.s. Bencleuch and we find that it is dated 31st December and we presume this means that in the Register Book she will appear as a last century vessel.

The vessel left the dock here on the date named and ran a trial trip, returning to the roads in the afternoon and we kept her at anchor there until the New Year had commenced solely with the view of getting the benefit of the later date.

One of your Surveyors was on board at the trial trip as the vessel was not completed to his satisfaction when the vessel left the dock.

In the end of the preceeding week our Superintendent in a conversation with another of your Surveyors mentioned that as owing to the holidays coming on here the vessel had to leave the dock on 31st ulto.

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we were aware to the ship being dated from December
1900 and that we intended to keep the ship in the
roads and ask a Surveyor to make a trip to the roads
in the morning of New Year's Day. He got the reply, this
would not be necessary if we undertook that the
ship would not start on her voyage until the New
Year had commenced, and that undertaking we
accepted, the ship being detained solely for the date
of your Certificate of register.

Under these circumstances we ask that the ship's
date in your Register Book is from January 1901.

We are, Dear Sir

Yours truly

Wm Thomson & Co



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Referred to the Chief Ship Surveyor.

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